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This is in response to the Office Action dated February 4, 2003 in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute amended claims 1, 21, 25 and 26 for pending claims 1, 21, 25 and 26 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method comprising:

sonicating a stream containing a dispersion comprised of agglomerated primary particles; filtering the resulting sonicated stream containing a dispersion comprised of de-agglomerated primary particles and further comprising coating the resulting sonicated stream onto a receiver surface wherein the receiver surface is a coated photoreceptor substrate and wherein the de-agglomerated primary particles are separated in the resulting sonicated stream.